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WARTIME WORK OF STATE EXTENSION SERVICES

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NEW HAMPSHIRE (August 1) --- Estimated number gardens in State this year more than 20 percent above last, and size and quality of gardens much improved. More than 30 garden meetings held July. Weekly garden column, and other garden stories appear in many local as well as daily State papers and Boston newspaper garden pages.

Town wood fuel chairmen continue to aid home owners who wish to find wood for cutting. Several towns report all residents prepared for heating this winter.

Farmers urged to grow more legumes both as hay and pasture and as cover crops to help provide additional nitrogen. Better care farm manure also stressed. Sheet of instructions for best use ACP materials on farm prepared.

Neighborhood leaders asked to aid farmers and employment agencies in assuring apple growers of harvest help. Information and suggestions on "share the ride" sent leaders. Some leaders have received their certificates of appointment; others are to receive them at special ceremonies.

More than 300 boys and 530 girls attended county 4-H camps. Members have about 4,000 4-H gardens.

Radio transcriptions and special programs in person used to spread the word on wartime problems. Cooperative program with OPA on sugar, several dramatized programs on nutrition, both transcribed and given in person, have been prepared. Plans made for dramatized series on farm home problems.

PENNSYLVANIA (August 1) -- (Special report on poultry extension work.) Special attention has been given to demands of poultry industry for increased production. Poultry management meetings held generally throughout State. Poultry specialists conducted 331 meetings attended by 9,875 and county agents conducted similar meetings. Care and management of layers, early care chicks, growing profitable crop of pullets discussed.

Due to scarcity of metals in manufacture poultry equipment, plans using wood and materials other than metals made available for construction home-made feed hoppers and waterers.

Mash mixtures for hens, chicks, and turkeys revised to meet a situation brought about by high cost and limited supply certain important feedstuffs.

✓ Leaflets on "Management and Feeding of Layers for Efficient Egg Production," "Renodeling Farm Buildings for Poultry" and "Supplying Water to the Laying Flock", given wide distribution.

SOUTH CAROLINA (August 1) -- Results of survey of status neighborhood and community organizations as of August 1, show 889 farm communities organized with 3,969 (2,559 men and 1,410 women) community leaders actively engaged in furthering agricultural program. Within these communities 2,638 neighborhoods have been delineated and 8,159 (5,157 men and 3,002 women) neighborhood leaders selected. Each neighborhood leader being made responsible for a definite list of farm families.

State-wide programs that have been and are being handled through county, community, and neighborhood leadership are food and feed production, anti-inflation, lining, nutrition, salvage collection.

The 46 county agricultural committees, each of which is the central and guiding body for the community committees and neighborhood leaders, are made up of a total of 385 agency representatives, of which 137 are extension workers and 248 are representatives of other agricultural agencies; and farmer members, 942 of which are men and 449 women. In addition 17 nonfarmers are members of county committees.

TEXAS (August 1) -- (Special report on wartime activities of Negro extension workers.) State leadership conference of all Negro extension agents and county agricultural victory leaders will be held at Prairie View State College in early August.

Negro women and girls being joined by men and boys of their families in job of food preservation by canning, drying, pickling, and brining. All rural families realizing vital importance of nutrition in building and conserving health. Food budgets made earlier in year are being referred to and filled, and extra supplies being placed on pantry and cellar shelves. Canning schools have been held in a number of counties. Fourteen counties reported a total of 20,864 containers of canned foods placed on pantry shelves during July.

Negro agents, Victory leaders, and farm people doing all in their power to salvage all available rubber in their neighborhoods and communities. 4-H Club members playing important part.